



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 25 May 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 25th May

*St are not celebrated this year*

Mae Germaine (A)

Seán Germaine (A)

Alice Raftery (A)

Patricia McCauley (A)

Rosaleen Burke (A)

Ludmila Cihlařova (D)

Mark Lushi (RD)

Meanie Mongan (BR)

#### Monday, 26th May

*St Philip Neri, priest*

Jack Gleeson (A)

Annie Stapleton (A)

Marie Connaughton (BR)

#### Tuesday, 27th May

*St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop*

Patrick Moloney (A)

Berna Fennell (RD)

Fr Denis Kennedy (RD)

#### Wednesday, 28th May

Sienna Lawrence (SI)

(Heart surgery, 4yrs old)

#### Thursday, 29th May

*St Paul VI, pope*

Anna O'Rourke (MM)

Gabriel Harty (A)

Patrick Breen (D)

#### Friday, 30th May

*Blessed Martha Wiecka, virgin*

Zayed & Family (SI)

Berna Fennell (MM)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Annie Hughes (D)

Peter & Alice Hayes (D)

#### Saturday, 31st May

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Meanie Mongan (A)

The film *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994) tells the story of Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), a successful banker, arrested for the murders of his wife and her lover, and is sentenced to life imprisonment at the Shawshank prison. He becomes the most unconventional prisoner.

There is a poignant moment in the film when Dufresne finds his way into the Governor's office and plays *Duetto-Sull'aria* from Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro' over the prison loudspeaker system. Prisoners stop. They are enthralled by the music. For a few minutes they become and feel like human beings again. The beauty of the music blocks out the ugliness of the prison surroundings and transports them to where refinement, beauty and spirit reign.

Today in the reading from the Book of Revelation, St John, in a vision, foresees the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. Refinement, beauty and Spirit reign there. No need for the sun. God is present. Here is another moment of rapture. The glory of God is our light!

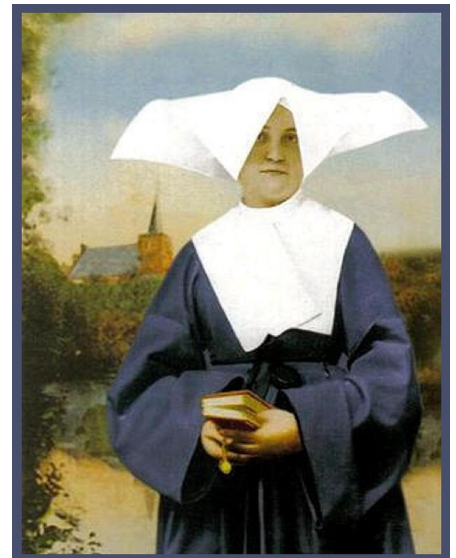
Today we peek into eternity, into heaven, into the Mystery of God.

Fr Padraig Regan CM

### MARTA ANNA WIECKA

(12 January 1874 - 30 May 1904) was a Polish Roman Catholic nun of the Vincentian Sisters. She assumed the name of Maria upon taking her vows. Wiecka worked throughout her life as a nurse in various hospitals in both Poland and Ukraine.

Wiecka was beatified on 24 May 2008 after a singular miracle was attributed to her intercession. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone presided over the beatification on the behalf of Pope Benedict XVI.



### THIS WEEK

- ◆ **Monday:** On Monday the weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place at 7.00pm.
- ◆ **Saturday:** Adoration - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place after 10.30am Mass on Saturday (**except if there is a funeral**).

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 25th May 2025

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, *'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved'*.

This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth.  
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, he took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### COLLECTIONS - Sunday 18th May

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Tap/Online/Payzone)	= €1,344.43
Envelopes (incl. Online/Payzone)	= € 357.50
Lay Ministry (replaced Share)	= € 342.95

Thank you for your continued support to the parish and to the Diocese.

### SVP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help? SVP - The Society of St Vincent de Paul is Ireland's biggest charity with over 11,000 members and is looking for new members. We will be recruiting in St Peter's Church after all Masses this weekend. Come along and have a chat with some of our volunteers.